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President's Page

James H. Keith

Looking back over the years, the caliber of the leaders of the Chicago Dental Society is impressive. With but few exceptions it would be hard to find anywhere a group that has left more lasting footprints upon the sands of time. Through good times and bad there has been a singular devotion to duty on the part of these men that has built an organization that is the envy of every other dental society the world over. As your president, I can hope to do no more than to carry on this great tradition.

Two years ago at the installation ceremony the new president of the Society, Dr. Arno Brett, had this to say: "Your officers, Board of Directors and Legislative and Law Enforcement Committee are cognizant of the many violations of the Dental Practice Act, and are earnestly seeking ways and means of curbing offenders. Efforts in this direction have not been as fruitful as anticipated, but recent developments are more heartening and I look forward to more definite progress being made toward the eradication of this problem." Little did he realize that two years later the problem not only would still be with us but somewhat intensified as well.

As Editor of the FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW it has been my privilege to sit in on the

Board meetings over the past five years and I can report from direct observation that the officers, Board of Directors and the Legislative and Law Enforcement Committees all worked as a team in an effort to lick the problem. Additional steps have been taken under Dr. Baumann's energetic leadership this past year and, although there has been a rebuff in the case of our suit against the illegal laboratories, I feel confident that with a new approach and with everyone concerned giving unstintingly of his time and effort we will win out in the end.

Perhaps even more important to the future of our profession is the work of our political action committee, the Inter-professional Committee of Cook County. The Committee got off to a bad start by assuming that everyone knew that there were no contests in the Democratic primaries and so appeared to be partisan. Let it be said that the Committee is strictly non-partisan, that good Democrats have as good a chance of being supported as good Republicans. But, be we Democrats or be we Republicans, we can well join hands in fighting the socialistic trends of our time. Members of the professions will be called upon to do their part in getting out the vote at the Fall elections. "*We can win in '52.*"

EDITORIAL

PARK RIDGE MISSES A GOOD BET

In the recent campaign carried on by Mayor Alfred Haake of Park Ridge to defeat fluoridation in that town, figures were quoted that purported to show that studies conducted in Grand Rapids, Michigan of the effects of fluoridation of the communal water supply demonstrated that, while the incidence of caries in children was markedly decreased, there was an inexplicable rise in the incidence of heart disease and nephritis. The Chicago newspapers carried this story, and no doubt many of the members of this society have had inquiries from their patients along these lines. Dr. Winston H. Tucker, Commissioner of Health for the city of Evanston, where fluorides have artificially been placed in the water supply for some time, was contacted for any information or statistics that he could obtain from his records to throw light on those statistics quoted for Grand Rapids. Dr. Tucker's reply stated: "In our observations in connection with the Evanston Dental Caries Study, we have detected no increase in the incidence of heart disease and nephritis in residents of this city. I am enclosing herewith a bulletin (April 1, 1952) from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Illinois Department of Public Health, which lists accurate data on fluoride and non-fluoride communities in Illinois." This bulletin, showing a most detailed study of the "Mortality in Fluoride and Non-fluoride Areas," shows exactly how the Department of Public Health of the State of Illinois feels about this subject. "The recent announcement by dental health authorities that fluorine may be added to community water supplies to reduce the incidence of dental caries has resulted in the question being raised as to whether the presence of fluoride in public water systems has an adverse effect on people's general health. Mortality statistics show that there is no significant difference in the general death rates between areas where fluoride is present and those where it is absent. Similarly there is no significant difference in the risk of death from specific diseases such as heart, cancer, nephritis and diabetes. This is borne out by the experience in Illinois when we compare mortality for certain cities, some of which have had an appreciable natural fluoride content in their municipal water supply for many years."

The bulletin concludes with "The mortality experience in Illinois offers little or no support for claims of adverse effects being produced by limited ingestion of fluoride. Although the general death rates of the selected cities are different, the variance is present among all the cities irrespective of their water supply; these differences among the cities being produced by demographic and environmental factors such as the composition of the living population, local occupations, and socio-economic levels. Since mortality rates for fluoride areas do not differ statistically from the rates of non-fluoride areas, it seems highly improbable that the risk of death is increased by drinking fluorinated water."

It became apparent, in the light of the foregoing findings, that Mayor Haake did not thoroughly investigate before he acted. We strongly suspect that some political significance enters the picture and we feel that since the fluoridation program is advocated by the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, American Public Health Association, the National Research Council and other responsible bodies, the city of Park Ridge has been talked into missing a good bet.

DENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL

The central office of the Chicago Dental Society has been besieged with telephone calls regarding how we stand on the Dental Health Council, a "not-for-profit" corporation that says it is an independent organization to assist dentistry. During the past few weeks, two circulars have been sent to dentists in this area appealing for funds to support this cause, and it has been these circulars that have prompted the inquiries of the Society.

Literature distributed by the Dental Health Council is signed by a William S. Bishop as executive director of the organization. Calling attention to the fact that the illegitimate advertising dental laboratories are siphoning off much of the prosthetic services that rightly belong to ethical dentists, the Council hopes to combat this by forming an alliance between dentists and the allied industries; by the enforcement of the Dental Practice Act in conjunction with the Department of Registration and Education; by stopping the sale of reliners to the public; by public relations programs to discredit the illegitimate laboratories and promote ethical dentists and dentistry; and to assist the dentist in economics by means of research. Admitting that the scope of this undertaking is tremendous, Mr. Bishop plans to start with the Chicago area and extend his program throughout the nation later. A budget of \$100,000 has been set up for the first year and a membership fee of \$10 for dentists is being asked. The literature further states that the "Dental Health Council shall in no way interfere with the functions of Organized Dentistry either in Local, State or National levels."

We admit that the stated purpose of the Council is good, and we would all definitely like to see an end to the illegitimate laboratories. However, the Chicago Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association have devoted thousands of hours of work and many thousands of dollars toward the solution of this problem. They are continuing to do so, and will press on to a victorious conclusion. Any help given though, will be deeply appreciated.

There are, however, some questions that should be asked of Mr. Bishop: Why have you acted independently and not solicited the help of the parent, state, and local dental organizations? Why have you neglected to check their files for the full background of this problem? Why have you bypassed the Department of Registration and Education in planning your Council? How do you propose to raise the money needed without the support of organized dentistry? How do you propose to spend this money? What are your own personal qualifications for the position you now hold? What is your dental background? What do you, personally, intend to receive for your services? Until we know the answers to these questions, we find that we cannot advise our members to financially support the Dental Health Council.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Teacher—"What is capital punishment?"

Pupil (whose father is a big business man)—"It's when the government sets up business in competition with you, and then takes all your profits with taxes in order to make up its losses."

"Poor man! He was ruined by untold wealth."

"Untold wealth?"

"Yes, he didn't tell about it in his income tax return."



ATHLETICS FOR ALL!

GOLF

PINOCHLE

BIRD WATCHING

***PRIZES**

EATING (etc.)

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WEDNESDAY

all day

JUNE 18

NORDIC HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

***GALORE**

ABSTRACTS

GUARANTEED DENTISTRY

An annoying situation faced by many dentists throughout the country is the treatment of patients who demand a guarantee with their work. The problem is how to meet the situation ethically, and still keep the patient satisfied.

This condition arises because the general understanding of the patient is that the dentist is simply a mechanic who fixes teeth; therefore, he should be able to give a guarantee such as they get with any other product they buy. They do not take into consideration that part of the responsibility for the success of their dental work rests on their own shoulders. When the dentistry is damaged through their own neglect or misuse, they blame the dentist and expect him to make free repairs. They do not understand that the services rendered are subject to physiologic and psychologic changes that are beyond the dentist's control.

Education of the patient as to the true meaning of *Doctor of Dental Surgery* is necessary. Dental re-education of the present patient, and dental education of the prospective patient should be accomplished through schools and other seats of learning. Until this long-range program can be accomplished, it is possible for the dentist to handle the condition in a practical way right in his own office. After any given treatment, write out instructions for the patient on how to get the maximum efficiency from that particular dental treatment. If re-checking with x-ray would be advisable at given intervals, write that down. In the case of replacing missing teeth, write down the necessity of keeping the area clean so as not to irritate the gingivae or damage the bridge. Talk with the patient about the importance of his general health, showing that the teeth are dependent on the rest of the body. This

will emphasize to the patient that you ARE a doctor. If he asks you how long his dental work should last, point out that no living person can answer that question; that the factors affecting the work are beyond your control. For that reason, it would be dishonest and unethical for you as a professional man to make any such guarantee. What you are giving in return for the patient's money is actually dental service.

The patient cannot guarantee how he will clean his teeth and how regularly; whether that tooth is going to bite hard candy, bone or nuts; that further caries will not develop; what influence his bite has on that specific tooth. Therefore, can the dentist give the patient a guarantee?

Intelligent discussions with the patient, plus written instructions regarding his treatment, enable the dentist to do his share toward educating the patient to the true functions of his dentist.—“*SO THE PATIENT WANTS A GUARANTEE,*” by Harold Gluck, Ph.D. *Indian Dental Review*, August, 1951.

O. C. L.

STUDY OF WATER FLUORIDATION

Intensive study by the Kansas State Board of Health, Dental Hygiene Division, has proved conclusively that fluoridation of public water supplies is an economical and efficient approach to the incidence of increasing dental caries among children. It will not protect children's teeth from decay completely, but is definitely a step forward.

The fluoridation program has had a natural experiment on some 3,000,000 persons who have consumed water containing natural fluorides all of their lives with no known ill effects except for mottled enamel in excessively high fluoride

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Sloppy Copy From Oppy

"The professional man has no other right than to be a continuous student."—*E. V. Block.*

June 15th is *the day* (if they don't forget) when we receive ties, handkerchiefs, shirts. So, as one father to another father . . .

The dictionary's definition—a *male parent*. I sometimes think that's what we are—just a male parent.

In one of the classes I attended, I either read or heard the following story about a father, which touched me as deeply as anything in this world.

"Three years ago," the narrator started, "our doctor told me that my father had but a few weeks to live. I tried to spend as much time with Dad as possible. Although in a weakened condition, he did most of the talking. One day, he said, 'Son, why didn't you ever invite me to any of your commencement exercises in school?' I was taken aback and answered that they were not important and I had thought he was too busy. My dad then told me how he had looked forward with great longing to seeing his son in cap and gown. I was so ashamed of myself, I turned away. What a fool I had been! He asked me many questions—why I had studied dentistry instead of engineering, etc. So many questions did he ask, I feared he might be exerting himself. Only then did I realize how important these things were to him and how, oh, how he wanted to be a buddy to me. Tears came into my eyes; I realized too late that I had thought of him as too conservative, too old, and I had rebuffed him every time he showed interest in me; I just hadn't understood. At his deathbed, I came to a new understanding of Dad; how kind and tolerant—how much he loved me. Through my stupidity I had lost an opportunity to have the best pal and friend I would ever find. If there is an unseen guest tonight, I believe it is Dad in spirit, and I want you to know that I invited him."

I received this poem one Father's Day

from my son Keith, and I wish I could tell you the feeling it gave me—you know, that jumping heart, tears in my eyes, etc.

"It sure is wonderful to have
A father just like you
Who's always there to help me out
And sorta see me through
And I just hope this message
Will tell at least a part
Of all the joy I wish you
From the bottom of my heart!"

I will always keep this, although I know it is not quite true that I have been a wonderful father. I am trying to make up for some of my blunders and I hope some day I'll be forgiven.

MORE ABOUT FATHERS

The son of a television comedian was asked by a neighbor if he listens to his dad on the television screen and the boy promptly replied, "Naw, I don't even listen to him at home."

A husband (me) received this clipping on the dresser. "A HUSBAND THAT IS BUSY AS A BEE OFTEN LOSES HIS HONEY."

Our past-president's wife, Sally Baumann, was once asked if Eddie did a lot of work around the house and she laughingly replied, "Ed had one job, to keep the H₂O softener filled with salt, and he filled it so full (after missing a few times) that we had to take his only job away from him." Another wife stated: "The only snow my husband can remove is from the television set."

Did you know that legally the father is head-of-the-house and the pedestrian has the right-of-way? Both are fairly safe unless they try to exercise their rights.

If a man gets down on his knees to propose, for the rest of his life he'll have to be on his toes. . . . A good wife always helps her husband with the housework.

"No wife has to work—so hubby must pay!" So says headline in *Herald-American*. This was the opinion of Judge Fischer. Why doesn't he keep his mouth shut? Half-way through housecleaning, my wife reads this, throws down brush and now I must finish—and pay, pay, pay.

A newly-wed, filling out his income tax return, listed a deduction for his wife. In the section marked, "Exemption claimed for children," he pencilled the notation, "Watch this space!"

Don McNeil, of the morning *Breakfast Club*, read this poem last year just before Father's Day. I hope you get the kick out of it that I do.

THOROUGHbred MAN

Am I the thoroughbred man,
I want my laddie to be?
In the days that are now his future,
Do I want him to be like me?
Nature's put my mark on his features;
I am putting my stamp on his soul;
Can I help my boy reach the highlands,
If I strive for a lesser goal?

It's a sobering thought for fathers,
Aye, a sobering thought for me;
As my boy sets sail on life's ocean,
Shall he chart his course by me?
Shall he think the thoughts that I think,
Shall he say the things that I say,
Shall he live the life that I live,
When I come to the end of my way?

To our boys is the task of the future,
We'll soon leave the world in their care;
As a father, I'll help or I'll hinder,
My boy's life's burdens to bear.
For this law is not to be broken,
'Tis Almighty God's wonderful plan;
I must be a thoroughbred father,
If I'd sire a thoroughbred man!"

—Author Unknown.

All men want to succeed. Some want to succeed so badly they are willing to work for it.—*Olaf S. Opdahl*.

LICENSES REVOKED

WILLIAM BEZKOSTNY 4807 West Cermak Road Cicero, Illinois

The Illinois License of William Bezkostny as a Licensed Dentist was revoked today.

A complaint was filed against Dr. Bezkostny on November 27, 1951, alleging professional association with the Cermak Road Dental Laboratory at the same address. Dr. Bezkostny was also charged with failure to notify the Department of Registration and Education of his change of address. Hearing on the complaint was held December 10, 1951, and the Board of Dental Examiners, at the close of the hearing, recommended revocation of Dr. Bezkostny's license as dentist. Motion for Rehearing was filed. Hearing on this Motion was had on May 23, 1952. The Director of the Department denied the Motion for Rehearing and the Revocation Order was mailed today to William Bezkostny at the above address.

H. G. W. BALL Suite 714 30 North Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois

The license of H. G. W. Ball as a Licensed Dentist in the State of Illinois was revoked today.

A complaint was filed against Dr. Ball on November 26, 1951, alleging professional association with the Tru-Match Dental Laboratory located at the same address. Hearing before the Board of Dental Examiners was held February 4, 1952, and at the conclusion of the hearing the Committee recommended revocation of Dr. Ball's license. Motion for Rehearing was filed. The Director of the Department denied this Motion for Rehearing and the Revocation Order was mailed to H. G. W. Ball today.

Jacob L. Sheer,
Supervisor of Complaints

May 27, 1952.

Congratulations, Assistants!



Twenty-three dental assistants, employed by members of the Chicago Dental Society, on February 6 during the Midwinter Meeting, received their certification awards from the American Dental Assistants' Association and were capped in the first ceremony of its kind to be held in Illinois. These assistants successfully completed the 104-hour course of study given last year at the Washburn School and passed the practical examination and written examination given last November. It is hoped that another such course can be given starting this September. Dental assistants interested in learning more about the proposed course may receive information by 'phoning Mrs. Nancy Saunders, Chairman of the Educational Committee, at Sunnyside 4-3219.

Plan to attend the
ANNUAL MEETING
of the
AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION
St. Louis, Missouri
September 8 through 11

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTMENT ASKS THAT D.D.S. BE SHOWN AFTER NAMES

The State of Illinois Department of Registration and Education reports after a routine check of the Loop area that many individual names appear on office doors without designating after the name the title of the profession being pursued. All of the professional groups affected have been requested by the Department to request their members to properly show to what profession they belong. The various societies have agreed to cooperate and this notice to the membership of the Chicago Dental Society is in line with our share of that agreement. Our members should list their proper degrees after their names. Naturally this will result in less confusion to the public and less annoyance to members of the profession as well.

It was noticed, also, that many practitioners fail to display their license certificates in a prominent place in their offices. This should be done.

POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED AT LOYOLA

In making plans for the coming year, Dr. A. Raymond Baralt, Jr., dean of Loyola Dental School, announces that five postgraduate fellowships are to be awarded.

The five fellowships available during the 1952-1953 school year will be in Anatomy, under the leadership of Dr. Harry Sicher; in Oral Surgery, under the supervision of Dr. Orion Stuteville; and in Orthodontia, under the direction of Dr. Richard Thometz.

The fellowships will consist of laboratory seminar training, combined with clinical material and facilities at the Dental School Clinic, Cook County Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital.

PRESIDENT KEITH PRESENTS AWARD

Each year the first official public appearance, and a pleasant one it is, of the incoming President of the Chicago Dental Society is the presentation of the Award of Distinguished Effort to the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran School of Melrose Park.

On June 5, Dr. Keith presented this award at the graduation exercises of the school where 45 eighth grade pupils made up the 24th consecutive class to graduate in a completely caries free condition.

St. Paul is the dental champion of the world. No other school has equalled or even came close to its record. Twenty-four years of 100 per cent freedom from dental caries at graduation is an outstanding achievement and speaks well for the educational program of the school, the interest of the parents, and the cooperation of local members of the dental profession. Especially does it stand as a monument to the vision of perfect dental health seen a quarter of a century ago by Dr. Paul Topel, a graduate of the school and member of its Board of Education for the past 15 years.

During the intervening years, Dr. Topel's influence spread to faculty members, pupils, and parents, and today we find exemplified at St. Paul the highest level of dental health consciousness and a remarkable awareness of the relationship between good dental health, good health in general, and good citizenship.

As a concrete indication of this influence, we find that the 7th grade, next year's graduating class, already has achieved a 100 per cent dental record, and the 6th grade has reached a score of 94 per cent.

The record of St. Paul has stimulated other schools in the Chicago area to work

for the Award of Distinguished Effort, and this year approximately 15 schools have qualified. Our Committee on Dental Health Education each year is instrumental in helping to set up the presentation of these awards.

Congratulations from the Officers and Directors of the Chicago Dental Society to St. Paul and the other schools which have helped to start their pupils well along the pathway to an optimum level of oral health.

HOMECOMING AT LOYOLA GREATEST EVER

Under the able leadership of Sam R. Kleiman, President of the Alumni Association of the School of Dentistry, Loyola University, one of the largest and most fruitful meetings was held. Speakers from all parts of the globe were on the program. Dean A. Raymond Baralt, Jr., was highly gratified.

The election of officers was held. The decisive winners: Joseph F. Porto, president; Raymond C. Van Dam, vice-president; Walter F. Zipprich, secretary; and Werner J. Gresens, treasurer.

Alumni, Attention! The Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at Glendale Country Club. For further information, see future issues of the *FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW* or contact Chairman Carl Madda.

DOCTORS FIGHT CITY TAX ON M.D.'s—AND WIN

Slapping a \$100.00 annual license fee on each of its "rich" physicians seemed like a good revenue-raising idea to the New Kensington (Pa.) city council. But unfortunately—for the city—the physicians disagreed.

Thirty local physicians appealed to the courts, and Judge George H. McWherter has ruled in their favor. Disallowing the city's claim that its levy was merely a "registration fee," he terms it a tax. And, he points out, since physicians already pay a state license fee, they can't be taxed twice.

HISTORY REPEATS, etc.

Dr. W. C. Abbott, founder of the Abbott Laboratories, made the following somewhat laconic, statement in the April, 1902, issue of *The Alkaloidal Clinic*, a journal he published and edited at that time:

"John Rausch, an Iowa anti-vaccinationist, has troubles of his own. Eight of his family are down with smallpox. Doubtless Mr. Rausch's daughters will forever bless their father, whenever they look in the mirror."

Inasmuch as a great deal of the current opposition to fluoridation of city water supplies is founded in the same spurious strata of ratiocination as was the vigorous opposition to vaccination against smallpox, we could well echo Dr. Abbott's reaction and surmise that the children of the opponents of fluoridation will bless their fathers and mothers when they visit the dentist.

U. OF I. AWARDED GRANT

The United States Public Health Service has awarded a grant to the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in support of instructional activities.

The grant for \$5,000 is for an undergraduate cancer training program. This program is under the direction of Dr. Isaac Schour of the Department of Histology.

A.D.A. MEETING

A number of new features, including a merger of all scientific sections for special discussions on the use of antibiotics in dentistry and on oral focal infection, will be presented at the 93rd annual session of the American Dental Association to be held September 8 through 11 at St. Louis.

Advance reservations indicate a large attendance at the four-day meeting in the "queen city of the Mississippi Valley," according to Dr. Henry F. West-

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Fluoridation

[Attached is a rough draft of speech material on fluoridation which our Committee on Dental Health Education was asked to prepare for presentation to lay groups. Ideally, this material should be presented after the showing of the sound technicolor film "A Drop In the Bucket."]

The speech material is intended to center audience interest in local fluoridation possibilities. It is not intended that the material shall limit the presentation of the Chicago Dental Society member who is appearing as a speaker. It is hoped that each member will draw upon his own experiences or upon studies and reading which he has done, as a means of making a well-rounded presentation.

It is suggested that each speaker ask for a resolution favoring fluoridation from the audiences which he addresses. Resolutions are to be mailed to the Chicago Dental Society.

It should be kept in mind that this material is scaled to the level of general lay groups and in no manner is intended to mirror either the terminology or the scientific level of the dental profession. It is our attempt to get a message across to "John Public."]

About 35 years ago in Texas, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, and Illinois, dentists began trying to find the cause for a brown stain-like mottling which they found on the teeth of children in certain communities. They also found that the children in these same communities had much less dental decay than did children in communities where there was no mottling of teeth.

Careful studies over several years of time established the fact that the water in each community, where mottled teeth were found, contained an element, fluoride, and that the water in communities where there was no mottling of teeth contained little or no fluorine.

Laboratory studies and experiments confirmed that fluorine was responsible

for reducing the amount of dental decay in children. Further studies by dentists and chemists indicated that one part of fluorine per million parts of water would reduce tooth decay by about 65 per cent and not cause mottling of teeth. In communities where mottled teeth had been found the water supplies contained several parts of fluorine per million parts of water, far more than was necessary. Nature had provided fluorine in *uncontrolled* amounts.

Fluorine is an element, and in the laboratory test tube it is a colorless, odorless gas. Outside of the laboratory, however, fluorine unites readily with other substance and becomes known as a fluoride. The more commonly known are sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride, and hydrofluoric acid. Each of these fluorides has been tested in laboratory studies and each has been added in controlled amounts to community water supplies throughout the United States where further studies have been made of the dental decay rate when one part of fluorine has been added to each million parts of water. Among the communities where fluorides have been added to public water supplies are Grand Rapids, Michigan; Sheboygan and Madison, Wisconsin; Newburg, New York; and Evanston, Illinois. In each of these communities after about three years of study, the dental decay rate in children began to decrease. Dr. J. Roy Blayney, in charge of the fluoridation program in Evanston, recently reported that after only 5 years of adding this decay-preventing element to the water supply, the dental decay rate in the permanent teeth of children had been reduced by 46 per cent.

At the present time the adding of fluorine to public water supplies is being considered in Chicago, Naperville, River Forest, Harvey, and many other cities and towns throughout Illinois. Park Forest and Waukegan recently voted to fluoridate their water supplies. Alderman

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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

WEST SUBURBAN

Vacation time has arrived and with it some choice words about the sportsman:

Behold the Fisherman,
He riseth up early
in the morning and
disturbeth the whole
household.
Mighty are his preparations
He goes forth full of
Hope and
When the day is far spent
He returneth
Smelling of strong drink
and the Truth is not
with him.

Mrs. Goldberg informed the clerk at Gilmore's that Goldblatt's had the same dress for \$10.00. "That is hard to believe," stated the clerk; so Mrs. G. promptly went down and bought the dress to show it to him. The clerk, however, smugly pointed out that their dress was virgin wool. Mrs. G. replied, "And so vat should I give a care what the sheep do in their spare time?" (Thank you, Jack Opdahl). . . . The Illinois State Dental Society meeting was a huge success. The number of West Suburban men present was large, many of them were clinicians. Much of the success of this meeting is due to the efforts of our own Bob Pollock. At this meeting it was announced that Werner Gresens had been elected president-elect of the State Society. Another feather in the cap of the West Suburban branch. . . . Jim Kohout has returned from Merry England, where his lovely daughter was wed. . . . Les Braun is trying his luck fishing at Indian Lake in Michigan. Ted Mose-tick got the word the fishing was good at the Upper Peninsula, Michigan, he has been there several days already. . . . Send me a card from your vacation spot, we'd all like to hear from you. . . . Werner Gresens has been elected to the post of

treasurer of the Loyola University Alumni. This group holds their annual golf outing at Glendale on September 17. Call Carl Madda, chairman, or Bob Pollock for tickets. . . . Congratulations to a new Park Board member, Arno Brett. His duties are with the playground committee. . . . Bill Vopata reports that he attended the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society and was truly amazed at the efficiency and speed of management of business. He reports a deep respect for President Ed Baumann's ability as an executive. . . . Here is another man with ability. Tom Barber received the annual Nell Snow Talbot Instructorship Award on June 4th at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. The freshman class has voted him the outstanding instructor for the year 1951-1952. The award is in the form of a small golden apple which symbolizes teaching ability, fairness, and the knack to inspire students to higher scholarship. Congratulations, Tom, it is wonderful to be associated with you. . . . Bob Atterbury has been invited by the editor of the FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW to write a paper for publication on the subject of "The Current Use of Antibiotics in Dentistry." Wise choice. . . . Special advance announcement: Wisconsin Dental Study Club 19th Annual Meeting at the Loraine Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin on August 14, 15 and 16. Discussions of practice management, patient education, human relations, credits, collections and budget plans. A surprise idea in models for patient education regarding periodontia and "balancing the bite." . . . Ted Mosetick finds himself with a new job. He was recently elected secretary of the Cicero Lions Club. . . . L. J. Pavlicek announces that his son, L. James, will wed this month in Riverside. . . . Roby Robeson is a man who clearly understands the idea of saving wasted motion. He learned that the ash tray in the new

Buick, on the driver's side, is about one and one-half inches closer than in other cars—so he bought a new Buick! . . . Here's a nice way to end: "I shall not pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." In other words, you only live once—but that's enough—if you work it right!!—*Anthony J. Malone, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SIDE

In bowing out as your Branch Correspondent for the North Side, I now present you with my finale. Your next correspondent will be our good friend, Ed Benson, who is closely associated with our past-president, Manley Elliott. Good luck to you, Ed, and I hope that you have as much enjoyment with the column as I have had. . . . In my hands, I have a beautifully worded letter sent to me by the secretary of the A.D.A., Harold Hiltenbrand. Harold requests space for some comments that he wishes to make concerning my article written in the May 15 issue. I shall quote from his letter and add my comments in parentheses: 1. "I have no memory of trying to 'impress' you and if I did try, I wonder why I should make such an effort at what I believe to be our first meeting." (We have met before.) 2. "If I did 'impress' you, as you claim, I am delighted, though obviously the exact wording of my remarks certainly failed to make a similar impression on your memory." (My article in the May 15 issue states, "I shall try to give you the 'G-I-S-T' of the conversation.") 3. "I did say that one of the largest branch societies in the entire United States was entitled to bigger meetings and, perhaps, better ones." (Agreed.) 4. "I did say that there were many devices to increase interest in branch society meetings and activities and that I hoped the North Side Branch would use them." (Agreed.) 5. "I did

not say that the incoming officers better do a good job of raising the North Side out of obscurity and shame because, first of all, as a former editor, I would not use such corny phraseology and secondly, because I do not believe the North Side Branch has sunk to 'obscurity and shame'." (Perhaps the phrase, "obscurity and shame," is "corny," still the truth remains; our branch attendance record is shameful and, as a consequence, our organization must be obscure.) 6. "In summary, I did say that the North Side Branch Society, like all dental societies, could be improved. I believe that and I am willing to help." (Agreed.) 7. "An editor's job is to report accurately and, as a comrade in literary arms, may I suggest that you devote yourself as untiringly to that objective as you have to your self-assigned task of saving the members of the North Side Branch from themselves." (I have served only as a *Branch Correspondent* for the North Side and not as an "Editor.") . . . Having been your Branch Correspondent for the past year has been very inspiring and I have enjoyed every moment of it. Thanks to all of you who took time to write, 'phone, or tell me personally, your kind thoughts and reactions toward the column throughout the year. It is these little personal interests that continue to "spur one on," when one sees the definite need for such action. . . . **SEE YOU AT THE GOLF OUTING, JUNE 25, CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB.**—*Herb Gustavson, Branch Past-Correspondent.*

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North Side members, if you have not availed yourself of the opportunity for a grand day of sport and fellowship, hurry, for time is running out. All good sports will gather, June 25th, at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The ladies are also invited to the golf dinner at 7:00 p.m. Those that attended last year know that the selection of Chevy Chase was a good one. The club is located on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling, Illinois. There will be opportunity for all to show in the prizes, so make sure your reservation is

made. . . . The 88th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Society has taken its place in history and the North Side was well represented. North Side members seen at Springfield by your correspondent were: Illinois State Dental Society President, Mel Zinser; North Side President, Russ Boothe; Len Foley, Manley Elliott, George Hax, Bob Janitschke, Ed Kirby, Harold Oppice, Bob Riemer and Bill Schoen. . . . Bob Pond enters Ravenswood Hospital in June for a skin graft operation to repair his leg injured in an accident some time back. Our hopes are with Bob for a speedy recovery. . . . This is my first effort at writing the column and I issue the time-worn appeal to the North Side Branch members for news items; the telephone number is LOngbeach 1-2472, the address 4753 N. Broadway. . . . As a passing thought, let's support our branch, let's support its functions. . . . See you June 25th at Chevy Chase.—*Edward O. Benson, Branch Correspondent.*

ENGLEWOOD


With summer approaching, all of us are looking for a bit more time to do the things we dreamed about during the snowstorms of the past winter. . . . L. Sousa is on a two-week trip through the Great Smokies. . . . Ben Jostes is getting his summer place in shape for his regular week end trips during the summer. . . . Ed Werre and W. E. Shippee are planning a fishing trip to Wisconsin this month—going back to get a few of the big ones that got away last year. . . . A. R. Houlehan has just returned from a short visit to Stevens Point, Wis. . . . Congratulations, O'Grady and Duffy, on a fine presentation at the State Meeting. . . . Glen Walden has just returned from a visit with relatives in Hillsboro, Illinois. . . . Gus Solfronk and family are spending some time fishing in the Lake-of-the-Woods area. . . . The "What's New" department has Mike Walsh sporting a new Packard and Joe Buckley giving a new unit a good workout. . . . Last, but

far from least, Elmer Ziemer is the proud father of a new boy. Congratulations!—*A. J. Tanis, Assistant Branch Correspondent.*

NORTHWEST SIDE

Roses, gardenias, and cologne are the way to a lady's heart. The Northwest Branch was honored by the presence of many attractive ladies. For some time I admired a very beautiful hat worn by a charming lady across the room. I learned she is Mrs. Joe Ulis, wife of our past-president. Mrs. Ulis was presented with a bouquet of roses by Bob Placek. Mrs. Gould, wife of our present president, received a lovely corsage of gardenias. A similar corsage was given to Mrs. Freedman, wife of our Ladies' Night chairman. The evening started with cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner was served at 7:30 p.m. Miss Gloria Alessio, senior dental student at the University of Illinois, was my guest. Mrs. Oveson, Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Olechowski were very gracious about letting us share their table plus the company of their husbands. Mrs. Oveson said, "After thirty-two years of Iver, I am sure it will be all right." Everything on the menu was as expected, very good, sweet little tarts for dessert, just what the dentist ordered. . . . Installation of officers was introduced by our M.C. for the evening, Jim Kaminski. The following men were installed: Board of Directors, Frank Brzezinski, Henry T. Gewartowski, and Theodore Serr; Treasurer, B. B. Pawlowski; Secretary, Joseph S. Lebow; Vice-President, Casimir J. Rogalski; President-Elect, John M. Gates; President, Gerson M. Gould; Director to the Parent Society, Bob Placek. . . . During the ceremony short periods were taken for community singing. A rather large group was directed in folk dancing. Looking around, many happy faces could be found. Gerson Gould and his fair lady dance well. Oh, oh, it looks like Mrs. Ulis lost Joe somewhere during the square dance. Stanley Brzezinski and his fiancée were gay. They will be married

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FLUORIDATION

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Cilella introduced on ordinance before the City Council in Chicago last October, and a number of public hearings have been held to date. It is expected that the proposed ordinance will come to a vote of the City Council some time in September or October.

There are 103 public water supplies in Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties, and fifty-five of these naturally contain some fluorine. Thirteen of these fifty-five have from one to two parts of fluorine per million parts of water. Elmhurst is the community which has two parts.

Aurora and Joliet are two other nearby communities where an adequate amount of fluorine is found in the water supply. Lake Michigan water is fluoride-free. The Blackson Chemical Company in Joliet supplies sodium silicofluoride, which it secures from rock formation in

and near Joliet, to many other communities throughout the United States.

The fluoridation of community water supplies with one part of fluorine to a million parts of water is approved and recommended by the American Dental Association, the Chicago Dental Society, the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the United States Public Health Service, the American Public Health Association, the National Research Council, and the American Water Works Association.

The Chicago Dental Society, through its Committee on Dental Health Education, is prepared to present excellent sound motion pictures and qualified speakers on fluoridation to all groups and organizations interested in learning more about this public health measure. A letter to the society or a phone call to RAndolph 6-4076 will bring a ready response.



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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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hoff, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee on local arrangements.

Cooperating with the Association to make certain that all convention visitors are adequately housed are 25 of the city's leading hotels. Hotel reservations may be obtained by filling out the application form in *The Journal of the American Dental Association* and mailing it to the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 911 Locust Street, Room 406, St. Louis 1, Mo.

The official hotels will be the Jefferson and the Statler. Sessions of the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates will be at the Jefferson.

The scientific portion of the meeting will be presented at Kiel Auditorium, within walking distance of downtown hotels.

As an innovation at the 1952 meeting, all 11 scientific sections will be combined for panel sessions on antibiotics and focal infection on Wednesday morning, Sept. 10.

Presiding at the antibiotics session will be Dr. Harry Lyons, dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond. An evaluation of the drugs' use will be presented by Dr. Robert J. Glaser, of the School of Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis; Dr. Jack B. Caldwell, of Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Floyd D. Ostrander, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Chairman of the focal infection panel will be Dr. Lester W. Burket, dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, who will present Dr. Kenneth A. Easlick, of the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan; Dr. William E. Wellman, of the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn., and Dr. James R. Cameron, of the School of Dentistry, Temple University, Philadelphia.

In addition to the combined panel sessions, every phase of dentistry will be discussed by some 60 essayists at the 11 separate scientific sections to be con-

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ducted all day Tuesday, Sept. 9; Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

Color television clinics for the 1952 meeting will be shown all day Monday, Sept. 8, the opening day of the meeting, and on Tuesday morning. A number of technical improvements will be in use to make for increased illumination and clear pictures of dental operations.

The television clinics will originate in a specially-constructed dental office on the fourth floor of Kiel Auditorium and will be shown on 10 receiving sets two floors below in the building's Convention Hall. Chairman of the television subcommittee is Dr. William S. Brandhorst, of the school of dentistry, Washington University, St. Louis.

There will also be a continuous program of the latest scientific films assembled in connection with the A.D.A.'s newly-established film library. Additionally the scientific program will include 200 table clinics and 50 scientific exhibits. The auditorium will also house nearly 250 commercial exhibits.

ABSTRACTS

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areas. Drinking water containing the recommended controlled concentration of 1.0 ppm of fluoride creates no objectionable effects. The cost is negligible, only 5 to 15 cents per capita per year. Fluoridation has no deleterious effect on the products of industry, nor does it affect the taste or color of water. As to the benefits of fluoridation of public water supplies, there is less tooth decay, better and more attractive teeth, reduction in illness due to infection as a result of abscessed teeth, and reduced cost of dental treatment.

It must be remembered that to be effective this program must take place during the first ten years of life, during the period of tooth development. It must also be pointed out that fluoride cannot safely be added to water by the homemaker. And the public must be informed of the value, safety and economy of the fluoridation program. The dental profession looks upon it as the greatest public health measure to come along in a generation, and may be the answer to the shortage of dental manpower in the years ahead. —*"WATER FLUORIDATION FOR THE PARTIAL CONTROL OF DENTAL DECAY IN CHILDREN'S TEETH,"* by Willard R. Bellinger, D.D.S., M.P.H., Director, Division of Dental Hygiene, Kansas State Board of Health. *Journal of the Kansas State Dental Association*, March, 1952.

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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

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in June. Hugo Chott and his bride-to-be make a handsome pair. . . . While everyone was dancing, I got around to meeting Bob Placek and Irwin Neer. Both these gentlemen invited me to watch them work and also to see their offices. Believe me, I shall surprise them real soon. Had a little chat with James Keith, president of the Chicago Dental Society. Having him as a guest was indeed an honor. . . . Mell Plotinka, a sophomore at the University of Illinois, was present as one of Bob Placek's guests. Mell manages to have a charming young lady with him every time I see him, a different one, and she always wears an orchid. Dental students today are more advanced than in my day. Wish I were back in school. . . . Sure did miss the Cartwrights. They attended the Indiana State Convention and did not get back in time. . . . Can't figure it out—Glenn Cartwright just got back Wednesday and he's off again to Springfield for the Illinois State Convention. Say hello to John Christzberg for me. . . . Folmer Nymark was visiting his daughter in Iowa. She is a student of Iowa University and Folmer was anxious to attend an extra special affair with her. . . . With Ladies' Night over, and a great success it was, thanks to our chairman, George Freedman and his co-workers, we are making ready for a gala affair on Wednesday, July 2nd. This will be an all-day outing held at Tromba's Pic Nic Grove, located at 6839 Milwau-

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kee Avenue. It will be an old-fashioned picnic, everyone bringing his own basket. Just spend the day close to Mother Nature relaxing. Let's everyone plan on going—please call James Mershimer for any additional details you may need. The number is Franklin 2-1965. . . . We all wish to express our deepest sympathy to Ben Davidson on the passing of his father, to George Ulvestad on the loss of his daughter, and to the Sroka family on the loss of John Sroka. . . . The Illinois State Dental Society meeting in Springfield, attracted a number of our members. These men were present: Jerry Rund, Thad Olechowski, Glenn Cartwright, Stanley Brzezinski, Bob Placek, Joe Zielinski, Gerson M. Gould, and Joe Lebow. . . . At this writing, many of our men are planning short trips over the long Memorial week-end. Tom Wright has planned a visit home to Center-Point, Iowa with his family. Glenn Cartwright is going down Indiana-way; see what I mean—there he goes again. . . . Can't see how I get away—still trying to catch up with things after my trip to Houston, Texas. . . . Upsilon Alpha Dental Sorority had its Biennial Convention at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston. The women dentists of Texas were very receptive what with the reservations at the Emerald Room for dancing and dining, a cruise on a yacht down the port of Houston. Not one minute of rest did we get. Gloria Alessio, the delegate of Gamma Chapter of Illinois, and I enjoyed a bus tour through and around the city. We covered 103 miles in three

hours. Visited the *U.S.S. Texas* Battleship. On seeing the dental office on board, we decided navy life was not for us. Everyone tried to make real Houstonians out of us. I'm afraid I'm just a Chicago girl, and I like it fine. . . . Stopped in to see their dental school and learned from a bus driver that the University of Texas has broken ground for a new dental building. Imagine, even the bus drivers are interested in the dental school. . . . There is something which I have tried to express on a number of occasions without success. I would like to thank all the Northwest members for the terrific reception which they gave me when I established my own practice. Very reluctantly I agreed to join when Folmer Nymark, Iver Oveson and Glenn Cartwright suggested it. Of course, it quickly slipped my mind and I scheduled patients on the second Tuesday of the month. Didn't realize how persistent these men could be. Glen Cartwright was delegated to escort me, and that he did. He sat in my reception room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A lady keeping a gentleman waiting. On arriving at our meeting place, each and everyone of you made me feel welcome. Thank you. . . . In closing, I ask you to please feel free to call giving me any bit of news concerning our branch members. This duty which has been bestowed upon me gives me that everlasting opportunity to get the last word in. But, I must have something to talk about, so come on, fellows, help this gal out.—*Sonny Litturi, Branch Correspondent.*

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